THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) A thrcc-ycar relaxation in the upper age limit has been available to OBC candidates for appearing in the Civil Services Examination with effect from the Civil Services Examination, 1995.

(b) SC/ST candidates are already eligible for a five year relaxation in the upper age limit for appearing in the Civil Services Examination. There is no change in the upper age limit of General candidates.

(c) These age relaxations for SCs/STs and OBCs have been provided as a matter of conscious policy and there is no proposal to reconsider them.

(d) Docs not arise in view of (c) above.

केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो(सी0बीआई0) द्वारा दायर रिट याचिकाएं

1761. श्री चीमन भाई हरीभाई शुक्लाः क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) देश के विभिन्न न्यायालयों में केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो ने विगत पांच वर्षो के दौरान प्रतिवर्ष कितनी-कितनी याचिकाएं दायर की;

(ख) कितने मामलों में सरकारी आधिकारी, उद्योगपति, फिल्म-अभिनेता, सरकारी और निजी और क्षेत्र के उमक्रमों के प्रबंधक तथा अध्यक्ष दोषी पाए गए है;

(ग) कितने मामलों में औद्योगिक घरानों को धोखाधडियों में दोषी-पाया गया हैः

(घ) कितने मामलों में अग्रिम जमानतें मंजूर की गई है; और

(ड) लम्बित मामलों के शीघ्र निपटान हेतु कौन-कौन- से कदम उठाए गए है?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा वित्त (बैंकिग, राजस्व और बीमा) मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर0 जनार्दन)ः (क) केन्द्रीय अन्वेषण ब्यूरो द्वारा देश की किसी भी अदालत में कोई रिट याचिका दायर नहीं की गई है;

(ख) पिछले पांच वर्षो अर्थात् 1993 से 1998 (30-04-98 तक) के दौरान सरकारी अधिकारियों, उद्योगपतियों इत्यादि के संलिप्त होने के कुल 1105 मामलों में अदालतों द्वारा निष्कर्षतः दोषसिद्व कर दिए गए और जिन व्यक्तियों के विरुद्व आरोप्रपत्र दायर थे, उन्हें दोपी ठहराया गया;

(ग़) उपर्युक्त अवधि के दौरान, औद्योगिक घरानों/ फमों से संबंधित 30 मामलों में कानूनी मामलों की विभिन्न अदालतों द्वारा दोषसिद्व कर दिए गए ।

(घ) संदर्भाधीन अवधि के दौरान, 204 मामलों में कानूनी मामलों की विभिन्न अदालतों द्वारा अभियुक्त व्यक्तियों को अग्रिम जमानत दे दी गई ।

(ड) न्यायालयों में विचारण हेतु लम्बित चल रहे मामलों का शीघ्र निबटाया जाना अनिवार्यतः, संबंधित न्यायालयों पर निर्भर करता है। अपनी ओर से, केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो, जहां कहीं संभव हो, केवल ब्यूरों से संबंधित मामलों के निबटारे हेतु न्यायालय स्थापित किए जाने के क्रम में अपेक्षित कार्रवाई आरम्भ करने के अतिरिक्त, इन मामलों की स्थिति की आवधिक रूप से मानीटिरिंग करता है।

LPG Applicants in Maharashtra

1762. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for LPG connection pending with gas agencies in Ahmcdnagar and other districts of Maharashtra, gas agency-wise;

(b) the number of gas connections allotted during last year district-wise; and

(c) by when all such persons would be provided with gas facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL CAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The details of waiting list for LPG connection and LPG connections released in Maharashtra during 1997-98 are given in the Statement *See* below).

(c) Efforts are constantly on to release LPG connections to applicants as carry as possible. Plans have been drawn for higher availability of LPG by increasing the

capacity of the existing production sources, putting up new plants and higher import through existing and new facilities. It is planned to exhaust entire waiting list throughout the country by 2001-02.

Statement

District	Districtwise details of waiting for LPG connections in Maharashtr as on 1.4.98	Distrietwis detai of LPG con-nections lease in Maharashtr duri 1997 98
Ahmcdnagar	58323	2028
Akola	17929	4997
Amravati	23447	5279
Aurangabad	31764	1551
Beed	11308	2347
Bhandara	34814	9891
Bombay	23421	9396
Buldhana	9983	5299
Chandrapur	22963	1085
Dhulc	13963	1530
Gadchiroli	6197	1945
Jalgaon	53717	2787
Jalna	4214	2849
Kolhapur	81874	3474
Latur	6390	4694
Nagpur	16605	3582
Nanded	9447	5600
Nasik	50912	3002
Osmanabad	839	4667
Parbhani	15494	4040
Pune	17058	6730
Raigad	29112	1617
Ralnagiri	17985	2337
Sangli	39421	1964
Saiara	2020	3001
Sindhudurg	5971	1053
Solapur	31234	1419
Thane	18678	7378
Wardha	19484	7973
Yavatmal	25989	8220

Crude Oil Production

1763. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to raise the level of crude oil production in areas other than Bombay High;

(b) if so, the details of earmarked wells for enhanced crude oil production; and

(c) the expected additional production of crude oil from new fields?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (c) The crude oil producing areas, other than Bombay High are Gujarat, Assam, Tamil Nadu (onshore and off-shore), Arunachal Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh (onshore and offshore). Various steps taken to enhance production of crude oil from these areas are:—

(i) Implementation of enhanced oil recovery techniques and extending some of EOR Schemes from pilot scale to full scale field application.

(ii) Better reservoir management.

(iii) Rcvival/repairs/stimulation of old wells and redistribution of water injection.

(iv) Installation of artificial lift.

(v) Hiring of service of consultants for field specific problem.

(vi) Optimisation of production through infill drilling, drilling of multi-lateral wells, extended reach drilling, horizontal and drain hole drilling etc.

The additional production from the above measures can not be quantified. The production from new fields depends upon new discoveries.

LPG Crisis in Guwahati

1764. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Guwahati is facing LPG crisis due to lack of coordination between the officials and the dealers;